

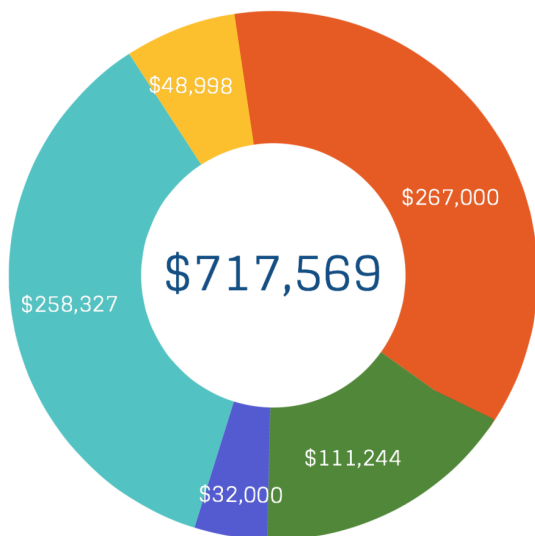
# SPRINGFIELD

## Funded Partners

Department of Parks, Buildings and Recreation Management, Dunbar Y Family & Community Center, Greater New Life Christian Center, Martin Luther King Jr. Family Services, Inc., New North Citizens' Council, Inc., Salvation Army, South End Community Center, Springfield Boys & Girls Club, Springfield Police Department, YWCA of Western MA

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts's Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM). Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. In each Shannon community, partners implement strategies that align with the CGM and respond to community problems. These strategies include education and employment opportunities, case management and street outreach or intervention, positive youth development and recreation, and coordinating a law enforcement response through suppression. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years, live in a high-risk area, and be high-risk or at-risk of becoming involved, or are currently involved, in gang activity. To learn more visit: <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/funding-andtraining/justice-and-prev/grants/shannon-csi/>

## Funding Allocation



## 634 Total Youth Served

57.1%  
At-Risk



Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity due to the presence of known risk factors such as exposure to gang affiliates in their home or community.

18.8%  
High-Risk



Youth exposed to the same risk factors as at-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as school failure, dropping out, truancy, substance abuse, and gang involvement as an affiliate or member not yet participating in violent criminal activity.

24.1%  
Proven-Risk



Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

=10% of Youth Served

## Shannon Strategies & Outcomes

Positive Youth Development & Recreation\*



603  
Participated in Positive Youth Development Programs

291  
Developed Communication and Conflict Resolution Skills

Case Management & Street Outreach or Intervention



142  
Received Case Management Services

62  
Received Street Outreach Services

Education & Employment



75  
Completed a Subsidized Summer Employment Program

29  
Passed the HiSET Exam

Suppression



127  
Diverted from the Criminal Justice System

43  
Gang Members and High Impact Players Arrested

Community Mobilization



1,698  
People Attended Events, Meetings, and Presentations

185  
Community Events, Meetings, and Presentations Held

\* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for youth to enhance their interests, skills, and abilities.

## Community Risk Factors

### Massachusetts

6,794,422

11.5%

2.8%

953,429

27.4%

4.9%

Total Population  
(2015 Estimate)

Population Lives in Poverty

Unemployment Rate

Total Public School Population  
(2015-2016)

Economically Disadvantaged

High School Dropout Rate

### Springfield

154,341

30.0%

7.1%

25,479

67.1%

15.0%

Sources: [www.census.gov/quickfacts](http://www.census.gov/quickfacts); [profiles.doe.mass.edu/](http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/); [www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/](http://www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/)

## Springfield's Gang Activity

35  
Street Gangs

1,400  
Gang Members  
Under 25 Years Old

During 2016, the Springfield Police Department identified 35 gangs comprising an estimated 2,000 members, of which 70% were under the age of 25. Gangs claimed a major share of the heroin market, resulting in increased drug-related shootings, assaults, and robberies. While older gang members viewed inter-gang conflict as a threat to drug profits due to increased police attention, longstanding feuds between Sycamore Street and Eastern Avenue gangs continued. Social media fueled these disputes by distributing unfavorable song lyrics of rival gang members. Seven of the 14 homicides occurring during 2016 involved gang members.

## 5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2012-2016

